

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Responsive thereto, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 19 to positively recite a display and the development of an image using the display indicating elasticity of tissue. It is believed that this measurement of elasticity of tissue is a tangible result as it is a measurement of a physical property of the patient no different, for example, than the measurement provided by a clinical thermometer, weight scale, or ruler.

In light of these amendments it is believed that independent claims 1 and 19 are now proper statutory subject matter and thus those claims dependent on these claims are also now statutory subject matter. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-32 are now in condition for allowance and allowance is requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if other amendments may be required or if there are additional formal matters that must be corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

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